Criteria for promotion of Group C Officers belonging to SC/ST category

4613. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the case of promotion made for Group 'B' post/services from Group 'C', separate lists should be drawn up of the eligible SC/ST officers arranged in order of their *inter-se* seniority in the main list and adjudged by the D.P.C. Separately in regard to their fitness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the criteria for the promotion of Group 'C' SC/ST officers to Group 'B'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) In terms of the DPC guidelines issued by Department of Personnel and Training, where promotion from Group 'C' to posts in Group 'B' is by method of selection, if candidates from SC/ST obtain on the basis of merit with due regard to seniority on the same basis as others, lesser number of vacancies than the number reserved for them, the difference is made up by selecting candidates of these communities who are in the normal/ extended zone of consideration, as the case may be **irrespective of merit and bench mark** but who are considered fit for promotion. Whether or not general category and SC/ST candidates from the zone of consideration are to be placed in separate lists for consideration in the DPC is a matter of procedure as long as the select list is prepared as per the above principles.

Extending CSS Cadre Restructure Recommendatins to CSSS

4614. SHRI KARNENDU BHATACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1325 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th November, 2001 and State:

(a) whether the Committee of senior Officers has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made and the decisions taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to extend these recommendations to members of CSSS, specially regarding revision of pay scales;

(d) what is the time taken members of CSSS in promotion from one grade to another;

(e) whether Government propose to take any steps for removal of their stagnation *vis-a-vis* CSS grades; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee has made several recommendations to remove the stagnation in CSS. However, no final decision has been taken on these recommendations. The recommendations of the Committee do not apply to the members of CSSS.

(d) to (f) Government has already taken a number of steps to ease the stagnation in CSSS. Presently, PPS, PS, PA and Steno Grade 'D' are getting their next promotion (Select List) after about 6, 15, 11 and 19 years respectively.

Meeting of Departmental Council (JCM) of DoPT

4615. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2112 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite submission of agenda for 56th Meeting a long back, no meeting of the Departmental Council (JCM) of Department of Personnel and Traning has been held, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken to remove the impediments;